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Man Sentenced For Murder, Attempted Murder Outside of Westlake District Church

A gang member was sentenced today to 100 years to life in state prison for killing a man and attempting to kill another person outside a Westlake district church in 2012, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Pedro Martinez, 26, was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Curtis Rappe. In December, a jury found Martinez guilty of one count each of first-degree murder, attempted murder and felony vandalism. Gang and gun allegations also were found to be true.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Rabbani of the Hardcore Gang Division said Martinez was responsible for the slaying of 25-year-old Andres Ordonez on Nov. 4, 2012.

Janeth Lopez, 24, is accused of spray-painting graffiti on the walls of the Iglesia Principe de Paz church in the Westlake area when Ordonez and another parishioner came outside, the prosecutor added.

Martinez, who was sitting in a car nearby, got out of the vehicle and opened fire, killing Ordonez and wounding the other churchgoer.

Lopez and Ivy Navarrete, 33, are pending trial in October for one count each of murder, two counts of attempted murder and one count of vandalism.

Case BA404685 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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